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re Application of: James M. Thommes

Serial No. : 09/827,440

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For : Method And Apparatus For Receiving A
Universal Input Voltage In A Welding
Power Source

Attorney Docket No. : ITW 7188.62

Disclosure of Prior Art, Litigation, and Litigation Documents

Honorable Commissioner of
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a form 1449 and cited art.

Also, Applicant is hereby notifying the Office that at least some of the subject matter being claimed is the subject of an existing litigation (Case No. 1:03-CV-00966, ED Wis), wherein the assignee Illinois Tool Works Inc. has sued Thermal Dynamics Corporation. Applicant is including copies of papers from that litigation, including:

- Defendant's Answer
- Defendant's Amended Answer
- Defendant's Answer to the Second Amended Complaint
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These documents are being provided because the Defendant has asserted the parent patents are invalid. The prior art referred to by the Defendant has previously been cited, or is cited herein.

Respectfully Submitted

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